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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 25, 31, 33 and 34 and cancel Claims 32 and 35. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-24 (cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A system for the creation and maintenance of a wireless directory service, the system comprising:

a central network station adapted to carry out software-based instructions in the generation of a database system of contact information for wireless communication devices; and

a switch station ~~to~~ coupled to the central network station, ~~the switch station adapted to gather from and to one or more telecommunications service providers to gather the contact information for one or more wireless communication devices from the one or more telecommunications service providers.~~

26. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 25 wherein the central network station is further adapted to allow selective access to the contact information and to transmit the contact information to one or more parties upon request.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the switch station polls the telecommunications service provider stations at selectable frequencies.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the switch station polls the telecommunications service provider stations one or more times per day.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the central network station includes a database for storing the contact information.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29 wherein the central network station is adapted for enabling a device user to enter data and update certain stored contact information.

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31. (Currently Amended) A method for providing contact information associated with wireless communication devices, the method comprising the steps of:

~~gathering the contact information from one or more telecommunications service providers;~~

providing a system for the creation and maintenance of a wireless directory service, the system comprising:

a central network station adapted to carry out software-based instructions in the generation of a database system of contact information for wireless communication devices; and

a switch station coupled to the central network station and to one or more telecommunications service providers to gather the contact information for one or more wireless communication devices from the one or more telecommunications service providers;

generating a database system of the contact information using the system for the creation and maintenance of a wireless directory service; and

providing access to the database system to one or more receivers upon request the contact information associated with one or more wireless communication devices.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~32~~ 31 wherein the step of gathering the contact information includes the step of polling the telecommunications service providers at selected frequencies for updates of the contact information.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~32~~ 31 wherein the step of gathering the contact information includes the step of polling the telecommunications service providers at least one time per day for updates of the contact information.

35. (Cancelled)